SOME HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES IN AND AROUND CARBONDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

1. Carbondale City Hall

2. The Miners' and Mechanics' Bank. Situated next to Carbondale City Hall, the M&M Bank is built on the site of the former Harrison House Hotel. The bank closed on May 12, 1931, and subsequently housed a Chrysler dealer, a laundromat, and the offices of the Carbondale Area School District, among others. Several years ago, a movement was launched to demolish the structure (to provide a parking lot!), but fortunately, this plan fell by the wayside. It is presently owned by the Adams Cable Television Company and is undergoing a complete restoration. When completed, it will house the offices and studios of the concern. (The building next to the M&M has also been purchased by Adams, and it too is being refurbished.)

3. Reynolds Gift Shop, Lincoln Avenue. Formerly known as G. W. Reynolds and Son, this is the oldest family-run business in the city. Rather than being completely modernized, the store has been well-kept and is quite original, even down to the lamp fixtures.

4. The Gravity Shops. To the rear of the Ben-Mar Restaurant, stands a large stone structure which served as the shops for the Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad. This is actually the third building to have been on the site, as the first two shops were destoyed by fires. Constructed in 1857, it was used for a good number of years after the abandonment of the Gravity in 1899, and was relatively intact until a fire destoyed portions of the roof several years ago. It is listed on the National Historic Register, and although it is owned by the YMCA, its future is uncertain.

5. Number 1 Plane. Just above the Gravity Shops, trains bound for Honesdale began their journey over the mountains. The tracks passed beneath U.S. Route 6, and continued up roughly alongside of the creek. Across the creek from the intersection of Belmont and Canaan Streets, there is a monument marking the plane, and giving further information on the Gravity.

6. Gravity piers. To the other side of the Gravity Shops, if you carefully pick your way through the brush, there are visible several stone piers from the Gravity. They lead across the Lackawanna toward the West Side. (Note: Don't mistake the supports for the New York, Ontario, & Western trestle for the Gravity ones. The NYO&W supports are much larger-they carried the tracks over streets-and much easier to locate.)

7. The Lookout. Just slightly north of the intersection of Pike and Cottage Streets, the Honesdale Branch of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad split off from the main line. In certain areas, the branch followed theroute of the Gravity. Other sections can also be seen, such as the crossing on Wayne Street, the crossing on Lincoln Avenue (where there was a station) and the crossing on Erie Street in Carbondale Township.